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THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF BROCKVILLE.

Brockville, Nov. 18th, 1937

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The Members of the Royal Commission on Transport,
302 Bay Street,
TORONTO, Ont.

Gentlemen:-

We are sorry that we were not able to furnish you the information you requested by No.v.15th, but due to our year ending Nov. 15th, made it impossible.

Brockville has a population of 9,983. We have thirty-eight miles of paved roads, some bituminous, concrete and others penetration. During the last ten years we have issued debentures totalling $389,868 for pavements with average interest of 5%. These debentures were for ten years which means an average payment of principal of $38,986,00 with interest, averaging $19000,00, add to this a lower depreciation of 5% would make another $19000,00. Therefore it is costing the people of Brockville $76,986,00 for pavements.

In this district 3300 private car licenses were issued at average of $12.00 amounting to $39,600. 479 trucks with average license of $50.00 which is $23,900. 147 trailers with average of $3.00- $441.00 making a total of $63,941.00. The gasoline tax of 6¢ per gallon the private car average. 9000 miles during the year at 20 miles to a gallon would mean each private car would pay the Government $27.00 which would amount to $89,100.00 per year. Gasoline tax from truck which we estimate at $40.00 per year would amount to $19,160.00. You will notice that we have not included drivers or chauffeurs permits with one for each car and truck at $1.00 would mean another $3479.00, therefore summing it all up- the people of Brockville pay yearly-

Principal Debenture -	$38,986
Interest	19,000
Depreciation	19,000
Police service	11,000
Fire service	17,000
	$ 104,986

Government receives - Licenses -	$ 63,991
Gasoline Tax- private cars -	89,100
" " trucks	19,160
trailers	,441
permits -	3,479
	$ 176,171

We have a connecting link of Highway No.2, which was not built for the traffic of to-day, and it is costing us between $800.00 to $1000,00 per year for repairs. This link is two and one-fifth miles. We also found it necessary to widen a portion of this link this year, this expense amounted to $1500.00. We also have a portion of Highway No.29, acting as a link between Highway No.2 and Highway No.29, the average yearly cost on this link is between $300.00 to $400.00, besides in the last three years, we have spent for suburban roads on an average of $850.00 per year. This came out of the pockets of the property owners of Brockville.

The public in general throughout the Province feel that it is time that taxes on real property should be reduced, therefore if the Government gave back to the people at least twenty-five percent of gasoline tax, licenses etc., you can readily understand how a big reduction could be made in taxes.

Then again, as I mentioned before the figures include police and fire protection. A large portion of cars are operated

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by young people who are more or less careless with their cars, therefore they require police service for recovering stolen cars, these young people are not property owners and they have all the services paid for by the property owners, but do not contribute one cent toward the up-keep or building the roads, therefore we feel that the return of a portion of the revenue would compensate for them.

Yours very truly,

Town Clerk.